

High School

- d) **Should ACT, WorkKeys and Advanced Placement exams be included as measures of successful Transition to Adult Life/Preparedness?**

Legal Parameters

- Senate Bill 130 requires ACT and WorkKeys assessments, and that students meeting postsecondary benchmarks should be advised to enroll in Advanced Placement courses.

Recommendation (September KBE)

Beginning in 2007-08, utilize ACT, WorkKeys and Advanced Placement exams as measures of successful Transition to Adult Life/Preparedness.

Rationale

- Allows Kentucky to recognize new data that will be available in the assessment system for measures of Transition to Adult Life.
- Promotes successful completion of Advanced Placement (AP) courses based on student performance on AP exams and successful participation of students in low SES status.

CATS Issue: Measure

Transition Rate Calculation Information (September KBE)

Category Score

- Every student may earn credit for the school in no more than one category.

Category 1: Students reaching the

ACT reading postsecondary Benchmark (18)

ACT mathematics postsecondary Benchmark (19)

Category 2: Students earning a WorkKeys Employability Certification
(Kentucky Gold or Silver levels)

Students earning state or national skills standards certification

Category 3: Students receiving military acceptance

Credit

- Transition to Adult Life Kentucky Credit to include:
Scores on Advanced Placement exams of 3-5 (Kentucky college course credit)
Scores on ACT mathematics of 22 or above
Students with low SES status reaching ACT benchmarks

Category Score + Credit = Transition Rate

Note: Continue to use current transition criteria for Certificate of Attainment students.

Reactions: Transition to Adult Life

Kentucky Board of Education

Suggested renaming to a Preparedness Index.

Felt use of test scores improved upon the current survey of students six months after graduation.

Kentucky Educators

Although many thought using tests, including Advanced Placement, valued appropriate school efforts, some felt these tests are academic not transition measures.

Concerns expressed that non-college bound population was not valued in this calculation.

NTAPAA

Advised KDE to look closely at the security of WorkKeys and how standards for the assessment are set.

CATS Issue: Measure

Transition Rate Calculation Information (SCAAC Recommendation)

Base Category

Post-secondary

- Reaching both ACT benchmarks
 - reading postsecondary Benchmark (18)
 - mathematics postsecondary Benchmark (19)

or

Work

- Earning a Kentucky Employability Certificate (Silver Level)
- Earning a state or national skills standards certification

or

Military

- Receiving military acceptance

or

Meeting the current transition criteria for the Certificate of Attainment.

CATS Issue: Measure

Transition Rate Calculation Information (SCAAC Recommendation)

Bonus Category

- Each student may earn a bonus point for his/her school by

Post-secondary

- Passing 3 Advanced Placement exams with scores of 3 to 5 or
- Earning dual credit for 3 or more courses based on an articulation agreement or
- Receiving an International Baccalaureate Diploma or
- Receiving a Commonwealth Diploma

or

Work

- Earning a Kentucky Employability Certificate (Gold Level) or
- Earning dual credit for 3 or more courses (post-secondary) based on an articulation agreement

or

Military

- Earning a score of _____ on the ASVAB. or
- ROTC courses

CATS Issue: Measure

Transition Rate Calculation Information (LSAC Recommendation)

Base Category

- Every student may earn credit for his/her school by
 - Reaching proficiency on the KCCT or Alternate Assessment

Bonus Category

- Every student may earn bonus points for his/her school by
 - Scoring 3 or greater on two or more Advanced Placement exams or
 - Reaching distinguished on the KCCT or Alternate Assessment

Base Category Score + Bonus Category Score = Transition Rate

Transition Rate Calculation Information (PrAC Recommendation)

The Principals Advisory Council urged using the Individual Learning Plan (ILP) as an instrument to measure successful transition. If this cannot be accomplished, they recommended returning to the survey presently used.

CATS Issue: Measure



Revised Recommendation—October KBE

Utilize the SCAAC calculation as the basis of the recommendation and add the use of Individual Learning Plan completion as recommended by PrAC. Additionally, strengthen the military component with measures such as ASVAB scores and explore other measures for the work component .